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Newton Fire Department mourns loss of firefighter

NEWTON, NC – The city of Newton and the Newton Fire Department offer their deepest condolences to the family of Capt. Bradley Long, who died during a search for a missing swimmer on Lake Norman on Monday, June 6.

Long joined the Newton Fire Department as a part-time firefighter in June 2007. He became a full-time fire engineer in May 2011 and was promoted to fire captain in August 2015.

Long began his firefighting career as a junior firefighter at Sherrills Ford-Terrell Fire and Rescue when he was 14 years old, and he continued to volunteer there.

Long was a highly-trained and dedicated member of the Newton Fire Department. He was named Fireman of the Year by the Newton Elks Lodge this year.

“We are mourning the loss of Bradley,” Newton Fire Chief Kevin Yoder said. “He has been a valuable part of our department, and his impact will be remembered for many years to come by the Newton Fire Department family.”

“This is a very sad day for the city of Newton as we face the tragedy of losing a dedicated firefighter,” Newton Mayor Anne P. Stedman said. “Bradley Long was loved by his fellow firefighters, and his loss is a reminder that these men and women put their lives on the line every day.”

The Newton Fire Department is assisting the Long family and Sherrills Ford-Terrell Fire and Rescue.

Arrangements have yet to be completed.

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